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SUBJECT: ITALIAN INTEREST IN DISCUSSIONS ON INTERNATIONAL GRAIN

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DURING CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR WALKER, JEPUTY STR,
OCTOBER 9, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MARCORA (CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF EC COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE MINISERS)
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LONDON DISCUSSIONS IN GRAIN RESERVES.
WHILE IT WAS APPARENT THAT MARCORA HAD ONLY SUPERFICIAL
KNOWLEDGE OF DISCUSSIONS, HE INDICATED MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE
THAN HAS BEEN SHOWN BY EC COMMISSION. IN PARTICULAR, HE ASKED
FOR RATIONAL FOR HOLDING DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON RATHER THAN
AS PART OF MTN IN GENEVA. SEEMINGLY CONVINCED BY ANSWER
(NECESSITY FOR USSR PARTICIPATION), HE THEN STATED HE MIGHT
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RAISE ISSUE AT NEXT WEEK'S EC AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING.

WHILE UNCLEAR EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS CONSIDERING RAISING, IT
APPEARED TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON EC'S PART IN
DISCUSSION. WHETHER HE ACTUALLY WILL DO SO REMAINS TO
BE SEEN. EMBASSY HAS PASSED TEXT OF U.S. PROPOSAL (REFTEL)
TO MINAG. IN SEPARATE MEETING WALKER SOUGHT ENLIST SUPPORT
OF FRACASSI (CONSULTANT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE MATTERS,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE) TO ACTIVATE ITALY CN
EC DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT. VOLPE UNQTE KISSINGER

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